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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of 7/15/02, applicants elect the invention of **Embodiment II** (Fig. 2A-2E), Claims 1-25 and Claims 28-30, *with traverse*.

Embodiment II (Fig. 2A-2D) illustrates an example of a **wafer** with a temporary protective coating. Embodiment I (Fig. 1A-1D and Fig. 2F) illustrates an example of a **die** with a temporary protective coating. Dies are pieces of wafers that have been sliced and diced into smaller parts. In this sense, a "die" is a subset of a wafer.

Claims 25-27 are drawn to a die with a temporary protective coating, i.e., Embodiment I (Fig. 1A-1D and Fig. 2F). Since a die is a piece or subset of a wafer, Embodiment I and II describe a single invention, namely, a wafer, or part of a wafer, with a temporary protective coating.

Hence, a single search of the prior art should be sufficient to cover both embodiments adequately, without placing an undue burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, applicant's request that Claims 25-27 be examined along with elected Claims 1-25 and 28-30.

Respectfully submitted,

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